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Total pancreatectomy for the treatment of pancreatic neoplasm, when is indicated?

Total pancreatectomy is an operation that has been associated in the past with high morbidity and mortality, high operative problems and a very difficult outcome. The main concern with this operation was related to potential problems with unstable diabetes, in especially hypoglycemia. Nowadays, TP increase in importance to the treatment of pancreatic neoplasm with multifocal disease, for pre-malignant tumors such as IPMN or, in cases when the resection margin at the pancreatic neck shows compromise by the neoplasm. In our experience TP should be considered in selective cases for treatment of pancreatic neoplasm if it allows complete clearance. The procedure does not appear to be associated with significant increase in serious complication compared with pancreaticoduodenectomy (Whipple procedure).

Biography

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